PUNCTURE WOUNDS

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Puncture wounds - should be considered serious because there could be tissue damage and infection can develop.

First aid for puncture wounds

- Begin ESM and primary survey & scene survey
- **Do NOT** remove the object
- Hands should be washed or gloves should be used if available
- Second survey and expose the wound. There may not be much external bleeding you should suspect internal bleeding mainly if the wound is in the chest or abdomen.
- Try to control bleeding by putting pressure, rest and elevation.
- Dress the wound
- Continue giving casualty care until medical help arrives